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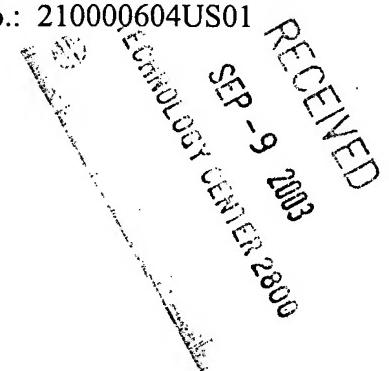
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Makoto Ono et al.

Application No.: 10/004,168

Filed: October 30, 2001

For: Inspection System and
Semiconductor Device Manufacturing
Method

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No.: 8661

Examiner: Stacy Whitmore

Art Unit: 2812

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 1, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.